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BRITISH HALTING SHIPS ON PACIFIC

8,000 DEAD FROM ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE

Town Wiped Out—Deaths May Run Even Higher—Historic Ruins at Rome, Palaces and Business Houses Damaged—Noted Column Tottering

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.]
ROME, Italy, Jan. 13.—The famous column of Marcus Aurelius, one of the most noted relics of the past in all Italy, was broken by the terrific earthquake early this morning and is twisted and tottering. The Farnese palace and other historic edifices were damaged. Widespread panic prevailed but no deaths have been reported.

OAHU DEFENSE FORCE GROWS; WISSER HERE

New Commander of First Hawaiian Brigade Arrives on Transport Sherman

Oahu's permanent garrison was again added to this morning when the 91st Company, Coast Artillery Corps, disembarked from the troopship Sherman and immediately entered for its new station, Fort Kamehameha. The Coast Defenses of Oahu is now a nine-company command, with troops stationed at four posts, Forts Ruger, De Russy, Armstrong and Kamehameha. A draft of coast artillery recruits also came on the transport.

Brig. Gen. John P. Wissar, recently assigned to command the 1st Hawaiian Brigade, is the ranking passenger on the Sherman. He is accompanied by Mrs. Wissar, his 16-year-old son Philip and his wife, Miss Lester D. Baker, infantry. Gen. Wissar and his family didn't linger in Honolulu, being met at the boat by Lieut. Col. Forsyth of the 4th Cavalry, who whisked the party directly out to Schofield Barracks. The new post and brigade commander will occupy the quarters that were constructed for Gen. Edwards on the old Jones ranch property.

Although Gen. Wissar has seen foreign service in Europe in connection with maneuvers of the great continental armies, the line of duty has never taken him across the Pacific, and this is his first trip to Hawaii. According to those who crossed with him in the transport he is looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to his tour here.

Officers of the 91st Company who will be stationed at the Pearl Harbor post are Capt. M. P. Andruss, who is accompanied by his wife and 8-year-old daughter, 1st Lieut. L. D. Pepin, accompanied by Mrs. Pepin and three children; 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. F. R. Garcia. The company is well up to strength, numbering 101 men.

A number of Oahu officers and their wives returned from leave on the Sherman. These include Capt. W. R. Gibson, 2nd Infantry; Capt. and Mrs. W. T. Hansen, Engineers; Capt. and Mrs. F. M. Hinkle, C. A. C.; Capt. R. E. Longan, 25th Infantry; Capt. Chas. E. Willard, 25th Infantry; 1st Lieut. Edward L. Kelly, C. A. C.; 1st Lieut. Wilbur Rogers, 1st A. C.; 2nd Lieut. O. H. Saunders, 25th Infantry; 2nd Lieut. W. F. Winton, 1st A. C.

TRUSTED T. K. K. CASHIER FACES UGLY CHARGES

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.]
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 13.—George Jorgensen, cashier of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, the Japanese steamship line, and one of the trusted employees of the company, was arrested today charged with embezzlement. The specific sum of \$7478 is named, but Assistant General Manager Avery says that his shortage will amount to more than \$30,000. His bonds have been fixed at \$100,000 or \$50,000 cash.

HAWAIIAN GOES TO BATTLE-FRONT WITH HORSES FOR FRENCH

George Beckley Kahea, well known in Honolulu, probably is the only Hawaiian actively engaged in the movements of the Allies at the battlefront in Europe. Advices have reached the Promotion Committee that Kahea left New York City two or three weeks ago in charge of a shipment of horses and mules destined for the French army. No word has been received of his return to the United States.

Kahea is a nephew of the late George Beckley. His mother and father at one time were keepers of the Royal Mausoleum in Nuuanu valley. He received his early education in Honolulu and, being of an adventurous nature, left for the mainland when through school. As far as is known, he is the first Hawaiian "on duty" in Europe, and it is possible that he may remain there until the close of the war. He is about 21 years old.

FOUR CONVICTS SEE FREEDOM AS PAROLES SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

The governor signed four paroles today granting freedom to convicts from Oahu prison. The paroles are to the following men:

Julio de la Cruz, convicted in the fifth circuit court, March 7, 1914, of assault and battery with a weapon, sentenced to 1 to 5 years.

Albert M. Makaena, convicted in the second circuit court October 27, 1913, of a statutory charge, sentenced to 1 year and 18 months to 3 years.

Matias Estrella, convicted in the third circuit court, June 4, 1913, of first-degree burglary, sentenced to 2 to 20 years.

Francisco Balthazar, convicted in the fourth circuit court, June 3, 1913, of first degree larceny, sentenced to 2 to 10 years.

HOUSE CLERK'S JOB ATTRACTS NUMBER OF ACTIVE CANDIDATES

A lively rivalry is developing for the desirable position of chief clerk of the house for the coming session of the legislature. Ed Woodward, who has held down the job for several sessions and is one of the most efficient men who ever helped run the legislative routine, is now secretary to the mayor and the mayor has said unofficially that he will need Woodward too much to give him a vacation for the four or five months necessary to handle the clerk's job. Louis S. Kekumano, former deputy tax assessor for one of the Oahu districts; and Harry Holt, formerly of the U. S. marshal's office, are mentioned as candidates. Several others are beginning to build their plans.

CONVICTED OF HEEDLESS DRIVING, CHAUFFEUR IS FINED \$50 BY MONSARRAT

Solomon Hennessey, a local chauffeur found guilty of heedless and reckless driving of an automobile, was this morning fined \$50 and costs by District Magistrate Monsarrat. Hennessey is charged with having run down and damaged a machine driven by Lieut. Hoffman of Fort Shafter. The accident occurred near the intersection of King street and Kalihai road some days ago. Hennessey through his attorney noted an appeal to the circuit court.

PECK ESTATE TRACT ON VINEYARD STREET IS SOLD FOR \$22,000

The Hawaiian Trust Company today closed a deal whereby the Peck estate property on Vineyard street between Emma and Miller streets is sold to Frank Santos for \$22,000.

The property measures 1.09 acres and is improved with 11 cottages. Mr. Santos plans further to improve the tract by putting up better cottages and building better roadways.

BIDS ON KAMEHAMEHA WATER SYSTEM TOMORROW

Tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock bids will be opened at the office of the constructing quartermaster for the laying of a pipe line between Fort Shafter and Fort Kamehameha, to supply water to the latter post. The bids will include construction of the necessary reservoir and pump houses, but the bids on the actual pumping machinery, which were originally to have been considered at the same time, will not be opened until a later date.

The annual meeting of the free kindergarten and children's aid association will be held next Friday at 10 a. m. at the Castle. Miss Bergin will address the meeting.

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GOVERNOR GIVES ACCOUNT REFORM PLANS APPROVAL

Executive Shows Hearty Support of Work of Chamber of Commerce and Ad Club

Hearty support of the plan for the establishment of a better public accounting system for Hawaii is given by Governor Pinkham to the Chamber of Commerce and the Ad Club, which have headed the campaign among the downtown organizations.

In two letters directed to the chamber and to be read at the meeting of the trustees this afternoon, the governor evidences his support of the idea. He takes the emphatic stand that there is no necessity of sending to the mainland for an expert and suggests further that H. Gooding Field has proved to be the sort of a man Hawaii needs to look after the details of the proposed changes in accounting systems.

The governor asks the chamber to consider advancing the funds to get the work going, indicating that when the legislature meets a territorial appropriation will be asked.

The two letters to the chamber are as follows:
Executive Chamber, Honolulu Hawaii.
January 8, 1915.

Mr. E. H. Paris, Chairman, Committee on Public Finance, Taxation and Insurance, Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu, Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Sir:—Replying to your resolution of December 9: After much consultation and thought, I am of the opinion the view of the chamber, that to send to the mainland for a theoretical expert would be folly and to leave the whole constructive work to one man unwise, is sound.

It will require one executive man and two conferees, working under legal advice, to accomplish the objects, in practical forms, your chamber expresses only in idealistic terms. I am inclined to believe, after some (Continued on page two)

WOOD SAYS FAIR OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE USED

"Everything possible will be done to make the Hawaiian building the most attractive on the exposition grounds. I will see that Honolulu is supplied with day-to-day data regarding the progress of the territory's exhibit. The exposition has opened a wide field for Hawaii promotion work and I intend to take every advantage of it."

This is the statement made by H. P. Wood shortly before he sailed for San Francisco in the Matsushita this morning as resident commissioner for Hawaii at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Mrs. Wood is accompanying her husband to the coast.

Immediately upon arriving in San Francisco Mr. Wood will establish headquarters in the Hawaiian building. His office will be the main channel through which the general news which accumulates in the Hawaiian building will be forwarded to the territory. Aside from performing the duties of resident commissioner as authorized by the Hawaii Fair commission, Mr. Wood will do considerable work in behalf of the Promotion Committee, of which he is secretary. He will remain in San Francisco until the close of the exposition.

A. P. Taylor today assumed charge of the Promotion Committee office in Bishop street. He will act as assistant secretary of the committee during Mr. Wood's absence.

Turks Occupy Important Persian City

LONDON, England, Jan. 13.—A Reuter's despatch from Petrograd says that the Turks have occupied Tabriz, capital of the province of Azerbaijan, Persia, an important center.

Submarines Building at Montreal

MONTREAL, Canada, Jan. 13.—Twenty submarines are being rushed to completion here for use in the British naval operations.

Rumored Two German Submarines Sunk by Batteries in English Channel

OVER, England, Jan. 13.—It is persistently rumored that coast batteries defending the English Channel shore have sunk two German submarines bent on attacking British vessels. The port authorities deny the story.

WILSON'S PLAN TO PRESS BILL FOR COMMERCE

Government Shipping Legislation May Shelve Philippine and Conservation Bills

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—The indications are that the President intends to concentrate the energy of the administration forces in this session of Congress toward passing the government ship purchase and shipping line legislation. If necessary to do this it is intimated that the Jones bill on the Philippines and the conservation legislation will be shelved for this session.

INTERNATIONAL FLEET TO GATHER AT CRISTOBAL

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—The rendezvous of the international fleet at Hampton Roads before its parade through the canal has been abandoned. It will gather at Cristobal instead.

AD CLUB HEARS OF WOMEN'S WORK FOR BETTER CITY

Ladies of Organizations Take Advantage of Men's Invitation to Ask Cooperation

Members of the Honolulu Ad Club heard today what the women are doing to make this a better city. Seventy-five women took advantage of "Woman's Day" at the club weekly luncheon. Among those were leaders of civic welfare and several of them spoke.

Those who gave addresses were Mrs. Walter F. Frear, Mrs. F. J. Lowrey, Mrs. P. M. Swamy, Mrs. A. N. Campbell, Mrs. Theodore Richard and Miss Anderson.

The work of the Outdoor Circle was told by Mrs. F. J. Lowrey, its chairman. She outlined the street improvements, the beautification of parks and open squares, and similar achievements for which the Outdoor Circle is responsible.

"Three big aims we now have are to make a garden in Emma Square worthy of that great queen, to restore Executive square and make it a beautiful tropical garden, and to tear down the tin movies that are springing up all around the residence district," she said.

The Circle's plans for Emma Square and Executive Square are extensive, and Mrs. Lowrey asked the Ad Club to give them its help.

Mrs. A. N. Campbell, chairman of the billboard committee of the Outdoor Circle, spoke against billboards.

Mrs. Theodore Richards spoke of the work being done on children's playgrounds.

"We need a permanent playground committee or commission," she said, "and we want the Ad Club to stand back of it. We need not only playgrounds but trained workers for the proper supervision and organization of play. At the Palama and Beretania playgrounds you will find hundreds of children every day, and at the others but a few. Why? Because at the former we have such supervision, and the children are taught the true spirit of play, the beauty of mutual helpfulness and the necessity of give and take."

The work of the College Club and the need of a law to provide medical

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SUIT TO BREAK SMART WILL IS EXPECTED TODAY

Attorneys for Defense, After Filing Thelma Parker Document, Await Action

ATTACK FORESHADOWED BY PETITION FOR CHILD

"Undue Influence" on His Wife Will Probably be Alleged Against Young Husband



Richard Smart, baby son of Henry Gaillard Smart and Thelma Parker Smart. Over this 19-month-old child and his dead mother's great estate one of the greatest legal battles ever fought in Hawaii is now beginning.

"It's your next move." That was the unspoken but obvious sentiment at the offices of attorneys for the defense in the fight commenced by Mrs. Elizabeth J. Knight against Henry Gaillard Smart for possession of the latter's baby son, Richard. The "your" referred to the attorneys for the plaintiff, Mrs. Knight.

Those who have been watching the case closely, as well as the counsel for Smart, are awaiting the expected filing of another suit, this one to contest the legality of the last will and testament filed by the attorneys for Smart yesterday.

At a late hour today this expected suit had not been filed, although it was indicated that it might be offered in the court records at any time this afternoon.

It is expected that the allegations of undue influence on his girl-wife, made against young Smart by Mrs. Knight, will be reiterated as a logical basis of attack upon the will.

Hearing on Mother's Birthday.

A coincidence in the present litigation over the 19-month-old son of Henry Gaillard Smart is the fact that Circuit Judge Whitney has set the date for hearing of the petition of Richard Smart, the child, through C. H. Olson, his "next friend," on the birthday of his dead mother, Thelma Parker Smart.

Mrs. Smart was born on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, and it is on that date that the petition will be heard. When Mrs. Smart's birthday was mentioned at the offices of Thompson, Wilder, Milverton & Lymer today, Mr. Thompson recalled another act coincident with Mrs. Smart's birthday.

"You will note that the irrevocable trust deed executed by Mrs. Smart, then Miss Parker, in favor of herself and her mother, was made on April 25, 1912," said Mr. Thompson. "This was five weeks after Thelma Parker's 15th birthday, the age of majority."

"That explains exactly why the plaintiff in this suit wants to get possession of Richard Smart. Mrs. Knight, through the trust deed which Thelma Parker executed shortly after her 15th birthday, is provided for in an income of \$1500 or more a month as long as she lives, regardless of any litigation or court order. If the child is in her possession and the will is declared null and void, perhaps, you see, the child might be induced to make a similar trust deed when he reaches his majority."

Knight Urges Litigation.

A peculiar feature of the litigation is the fact that if the will is declared null and void, Annie T. K. Parker Smart's stepfather, Frederick S. Knight, will lose \$25,000 bequeathed to him in the will filed yesterday.

"We understood that right along," said Attorney Anderson, one of Mrs. Knight's attorneys today, referring to the \$25,000 bequest, "and so did Mr. Knight. Nevertheless, that justice

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TWO STEAMERS HELD AT VANCOUVER, ONE ONLY TO CALIFORNIA

Austrian Foreign Office Head Suddenly Resigns

CAMPAIGN ON WEST FRONT GROWS FIERCER—GERMAN RAILWAY TRAFFIC STOPPED WHILE TROOPS ARE TAKEN TO BATTLEFIELDS—ASSAULTS OF ALLIES LAST WEEK PROVOKE COUNTER-ATTACKS—PETROGRAD REPORTS DEFEAT OF TURKS—TWENTY SUBMARINES BUILDING IN MONTREAL FOR BRITAIN

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 13.—Amazement and a sensation has been caused by the action of the Canadian authorities in detaining the steamers Mexico Maru, bound for Yokohama carrying a shipment of lead, and Governor, bound for San Francisco with a shipment of hides. They are detained because carrying what is alleged to be contraband of war. The surprise is due to the fact that the cargoes are destined for ports far from the war zone.

VON BERCHTOLD QUILTS OFFICE

VIENNA, Austria, Jan. 13.—The Fremdenblatt says that Count Leopold von Berchtold, the Austrian foreign minister, has resigned and that his resignation has been accepted. Baron Stephen Burian von Rejecz, minister of the royal court in the Hungarian cabinet, will succeed him.

Germans Make Strong Counter Attack

LONDON, England, Jan. 13.—The carefully-chosen and carried-out assaults of the Allies last week have stirred up a determined movement by the Germans.

A heavy counter-attack along many parts of the western front is being made this week. Strongly reinforced, the Germans have checked the advance of the Allies and have furthermore achieved important gains around Soissons. This is the nearest point to Paris of the German line.

Germans Rushing Huge Masses of Troops to Reinforce Men on Line

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Jan. 13.—All ordinary passenger traffic on the German railways has been stopped until January 18 because the German generals are moving huge numbers of troops and munitions of war to the battlefields.

Berlin Official Statement Today Emphasizes Repulses of French

BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 13.—Official—"As a result of fierce artillery duels near Nieuport, the enemy has been compelled by our overmastering fire to evacuate the trenches at the suburb of Palinsburg."

"The French attacks at La Basse have been repulsed with a signal victory for our arms, and we have defeated important attacks against the hills north of Crony and captured two positions, four cannon, several machine-guns and 1700 prisoners."

"The situation in the Vosges section is unchanged. The situation on the eastern front is likewise unchanged."

Paris Bulletin Admits Drive of Germans has Won some Ground

PARIS, France, Jan. 13.—Official—"Unfavorable weather is hampering operations along the entire front. Northeast of Soissons very severe fighting took place all day yesterday for spur 132. The Germans brought up very considerable forces and directed a stiff attack against our positions. On the eastward we were obliged to give ground. The fighting continues north of Beausejour. We have retained an advance position against other furious German assaults."

"The remainder of the front is inactive."

Russian Army Harassing the Turks

PETROGRAD, Russia, Jan. 13.—The Caucasian staff reports: "Obstinate fighting near Olti against the Turks continues. We won a victory on Monday near Kara-Urgan, where we defeated the Turkish rearguard, which had made a stand. We captured the 92nd infantry regiment and partially destroyed the 52nd infantry. We also took important positions."